



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 22, 2000

Frank G. Stevenson, Jr., Treasurer
The Loose Group
3165 Brandy Station
Atlanta, GA 30339

RE: MUR 5044
The Loose Group and
Frank G. Stevenson, Jr., as treasurer

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

On September 5, 2000, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty submitted on your behalf in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(a)(4)(A)(iii) and (iv), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B). The enclosed conciliation agreement, however, will become a part of the public record.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files.
If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "April J. Sands". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "April" and last name "Sands" clearly distinguishable.

April J. Sands
Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION²⁰⁰⁰ AUG 17 P 2:47

In the Matter of)
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The Loose Group and) MUR: 5044
Frank G. Stevenson Jr., as treasurer)

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"); pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that The Loose Group and Frank G. Stevenson Jr., as treasurer ("Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(a)(4)(A)(iii) and (iv).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. The Loose Group is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4), and is not an authorized committee of any candidate. It has elected to report on a quarterly basis.

2. Frank G. Stevenson Jr. is the treasurer of The Loose Group.

3. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("Act"), requires treasurers of political committees, other than authorized committees of a candidate, to file periodic reports of receipts and disbursements. In any calendar year in which a regularly

scheduled election is held, all political committees that choose not to file on a monthly basis shall file quarterly reports, which shall be filed no later than the 15th day after the last day of each calendar quarter. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i). Treasurers of such committees shall also file a post-general election report, which shall be filed no later than the 30th day after the general election and which shall be complete as of the 20th day after such general election. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iii). In addition, in any other calendar year, treasurers of such committees must also file a report covering the period beginning January 1 and ending June 30, which shall be filed no later than July 31 and a report covering the period beginning July 1 and ending December 31, which shall be filed no later than January 31 of the following calendar year. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iv).

4. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iv), the due date for The Loose Group's 1997 Mid-Year Report was July 31, 1997. The Loose Group filed the Report on August 28, 1997, 28 days late, disclosing receipts of \$18,369.77 and disbursements of \$2,500.00.

5. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iv), the due date for The Loose Group's 1997 Year End Report was January 31, 1998. The Loose Group filed the Report on February 24, 1998, 24 days late, disclosing receipts of \$17,856.14 and disbursements of \$30,720.50.

6. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iii), the due date for The Loose Group's 1998 30 Day Post-General Report was December 3, 1998. The Loose Group filed the Report on January 7, 1999, 35 days late, disclosing receipts of \$40,315.03 and disbursements of \$41,295.92.

V. Respondents failed to timely file their 1997 Mid-Year Report, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iv); their 1997 Year End Report, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iv); and their 1998 30 Day Post-General Report, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iii).

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.


VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirement contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

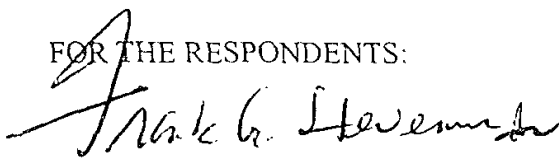
FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: 
Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

9/21/00
Date

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


(Name) Frank G. Stevenson, Jr.
(Position) Treasurer

8/16/00
Date